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### Amendments to the Specification

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Please amend Paragraph [0151] in the specification as indicated below:

[0151] Note that  $q^R$  and  $q^G$  in Eq. (16) are guaranteed to be smaller than the values in Eq. (1) thereby ensuring a higher dynamic range for the desired density variations  $d2c^R(x,y)$  and  $d2M^G(x,y)$  corresponding to the rendered composite images, a condition that may be advantageous to image quality to design or shift the rendered composite images to have overlapping dark regions, which can minimize contrast degradation. This spatial effect can be seen in ~~Eq. (2)~~ Eq. (16), where a spatial transformation of an image  $i$  can yield a reduced constant floor density  $K$ . Spatial optimization can be performed either computationally or by design.